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MOHAWKS-GAVS PLAY TODAY

'47 SAX HEAD ELECTED

Miss Lucy Fraticelli was elected editor-in-chief of the 1947 year-book, THE SAXIMAGE, at a meeting held Tuesday by the junior class. Other members will be announced later by Miss Fraticelli, who will choose her co-workers.

The '47 SAX should be superior to its predecessors, since the juniors are getting ahead of the ball in starting the game early.

F.T.C. AT N.Y.

Last weekend Miss Helen Stocking and Miss Eleonore Fusco went to New York to represent Fitchburg State Teachers College at the annual Teachers and Students Educational Conferences which were held at the Commodore Hotel.

The conferences officially opened on Thursday afternoon in the conference rooms of the hotel. The subjects discussed were student publications and student government. At this time, Miss Stocking participated in the panel discussion.

Friday, at 9:30 A.M., another group of panel discussions were held. The questions considered at this time were Understanding Russia, Social Groups, and Industrialization and Tolerance. This was followed by a luncheon in the grand ballroom of the hotel.

This afternoon at four o'clock in the college gymnasium the Mohawk Club and the Gaveleer Society will clash in a revival of their annual basketball game. The game has served as the official end of the basketball season for many years in the past and its renewal is eagerly awaited by the members of both clubs and the college as a whole.

The Mohawk squad will consist of the following men: Hansen, Kendall, Riley, O'Horo, Capozza, Apone, Sullivan, Scott, Morris, Miller, White, Graham, and Martin. Time permitting, "Chief" Riley intends to have every brave of the tribe playing.

The Gaveleer line-up will not be announced until this afternoon, but Coach Delaney is confident of selecting a strong line-up.

Referees for the game have not as yet been selected, but two competent officials are guaranteed.

The game has caused considerable comment among the student body and a large attendance is expected. The details of the game, as to the length of the periods and etc., will be announced at the time of the game.

Keep that time open on your schedule. Remember, today at four o'clock in the college gymnasium.

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EDITORIAL

Yes, now that the shiver of winter weather has passed, or at least we hope so, the front steps of F.T.C. have once again become a favorite place for sunbath worshipers. It does feel good to get out in the sun once more after so much cold weather through the winter months.

This sunbath period should not be spoiled, however, by the careless throwing of cigarette butts and papers on the steps. One day last week we counted, just for curiosity, the different kinds of waste material litering the steps. Of course, there were too many different kinds to keep tract of.

Our question, "Where are the students supposed to throw their waste paper and cigarette butts?", is very appropriate since it is quite difficult for them to rush downstairs in the main buidling every time they have something to throw away.

There seems to be only one good solution to that question. Why not have some ornamental receptacle on either side of the door or in some concealed place on the steps so that waste can be thrown there? Yes, students would have to cooperate themselves by using these and not abusing them. Let us try to keep our front steps as clean as possible. Eliminate waste paper and butts on any college steps.

MOHAWK OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY

The next feature on the social calendar is a revival of their annual Open House, which will take place next Wednesday evening in the college assembly hall.

Mohawk Open Houses have been held each year since the opening of the club and have been enjoyby students and faculty through the years.

The program will portray an idea of the ritual connected with the club. The Tribe will appear in full regalia. A history of the club, its meaning, purposes, and achievements will be given during this phase of the program.

At the close of the ritual a talk will be given by Mr. Elliot A. Mangam, scout executive of the local Fitchburg Council. Mr. Mangam will talk on the American Indian, with special emphasis on the Iriquois of which the Mohawk tribe was a member. As an added phase of his talk, Mr. Mangam will give a demonstration of Indian dances.

In selecting Mr. Mangam as a guest speaker, the Mohawks have chosen the best authority on American Indians in this area. Mr. Mangam formerly served as scout executive in Fall River and Long Island. He has also written several pamphlets on Indian Lore and the Indian.

The affair will begin at eight o'clock and all are invited to attend.

WILL UNO SUCCEED WITH RUSSIA'S PRESENT ATTITUDE?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK :

Peggy Gibbons-Yes, I do think the UNO will overcome any obstacles placed in its way --- even the problem which Russia seems to be presenting at this time. If we ever expect to progress farther on the way to international peace and law, we have to go along with and support the roles and governing aims set forth by the UNO, and I hope the other nations realize this, too !!

Larry Enos- Russia says she's for the UNO, but personally, that fact remains to be seen. I am by no means an authority on foreign affairs, but I believe there is a religious angle to the whole set-up.

Kay Morrilly-In my opinion the UNO will not succeed or even approach the word "success" if Russia continues her present suspicious policy. We don't actually know what Russia is planning, but if history repeats itself, her militaristic ideas will not die. This is the business of everyone and should be threshed out at the UNO table just as the cards Russia played were put down in claiming her share of the territory. However, our accusations will not help in sustaining her friendship which has always been quite mutual. Naturally, Russia will not trust us if we do not in turn trust her, and this idea of an English-speaking-countries alliance will certainly denounce this faith. America is God's country to the peoples of the world, their hope for peace. Why can't we go further to make Russia a brick in our chimney of friendship? Why can't we, for a change, speak their language?

Cippy-The UNO, as a blueprint for world peace, will definitely function. However, in the practical phase it will always be indefinite. Tolerance must be the foundation of every law. Labor and religion should be prominently represented.

Mary Truland-Yes, I do think that the UNO will succeed, even though the Russian situation at the present time seems a little discouraging. We must remember that the UNO is a very young organization. It is existing in a world where nations have thought only of themselves and sought only to solve their own problems. Today we think in terms of "One World". Naturally, everything isn't going to be rosy the first few years. Problems are bound to come up. The purpose of the UNO is to solve these problems. Let's give it a chance to try to solve them before we say it's a failure.

Joe Sylvestro-With her present attitude toward the UNO, Russia seems to be unilateral. She wants to dominate all countries in her sphere of influence, and some that, in geographical location, are far removed from her boundaries; while on the other hand, the remaining members of the UNO have adopted an attitude of tolerance and cooperation in their quest for world peace. They seem to think that the organization can succeed in its aims and the Russian problem will be the first real test.

Alma Willard-Who knows what Russia's policies are? From my own observation, all present reports are surmises, unauthorized opinions, or propaganda based on prejudice and fear. Russia says we have no reason to fear ---she would rather we did not worry, - no doubt, as we want her to be - lieve in the truth of all of our statements and promises. Obviously, then, the UNO cannot function properly --- to say nothing of functiong expertly --- when there is fear and distrust in the

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NEW BOOKS

Our college librarian, Miss Hassell, is pleased to announce that several popular books of the day have been added to our library. Among them are PLEASANT VALLEY by Bromfield, MEET YOUR ANCESTORS by Roy Brown, THE NEGRO CARAVAN by David Lee.

PLEASANT VALLEY is the story of one man's lifelong experience with the good earth and of his life on a big farm in the hill country of Ohio. There is much practical experience in the book concerning agriculture, stock breeding, and the conservation of natural resources.

Have you ever wondered if there was a Garden of Eden? Did man descend from the ape? How did Neanderthal man clothe, house, feed himself? MEET YOUR ANCESTORS was written to answer such questions.

Are you interested in Negro writers? THE NEGRO CARAVAN covers the entire period of Negro expression---from writings of Phillis Wheatly to the current fiction of Richard Wright.

UNO

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organization. I have not the answer, but I do have the hope that each country can see his way clear "to do unto others as he would that others should do unto him."

TONY POLITO-The UNO can't work unless the people in question can sit down and thrash out their problems. World problems must be settled at the conference table. Wars have brought nothing but chaos. It's not a question of can it work; it's a case of it has to work.

STUDENT OPINION

Men 31 Women 44 Total 75

	Men Yes	Men No	Women Yes	Women No
Do you think marriag and school mix?	15	16	22	22
Do you think a full social life is necessary to be successful in college?	24	7	32	12
Do you appreciate a good listener as well as a good conversationalist?	30	1	34	10
Do you think $2.00 is a reasonable price to pay for this year's yearbook?	28	3	41	3
Do you think each class should have one free afternoon each week?	29	2	44	0
At sixteen can a person get as much out of college as an older person?	21	10	16	28

From the data gathered from the poll, the students do not cooperate in asking questions. The poll is conducted for the benefit of the entire school. Seventy-five people is a poor representation of the student body and indicates lack of spirit in school. This is one way that students at Fitchburg can show some enthusiasm.

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED FOR NEXT YEAR

The student body has chosen as heads of the most important organization on campus: Helen Stocking, president; Mary Piermarini, vice-president; Margaret Whetley, secretary; Dick White, treasurer.

MOHAWKS

"Blastine", the great Mohawk wrestler and king of the mountian, was spiritual host to the "Tribe of the Bear" and especially to the new braves at the Mohawk Mountian trip held last weekend, after a lapse of four years.

The Tribe started leaving for the mountain Friday evening with the last group coming up Saturday afternoon.

The program for the weekend got underway Saturday morning with a spirited softball game between the old members plus the alumni and the new braves. The game ended with the new braves ahead by a slim margin. Ralph Gray starred in the field and Mr. Glennon at bat for the "old timers" while "Slugger" Martin's long hits accounted for many of the new Braves' runs.

Saturday afternoon found the new braves completing the final phase of their initiation by climbing Mount Monadnock.

"Chief" Riley and Brave Apone led the Tribe up the White Lot Trail, making the top in fifty minutes. The view from the top of the mountian was perfect. The visibility was estimated at twenty-five miles. A large number of pictures were taken at the top of the mountian and should produce some excellent snapshots.

"Scribe" Healy led the Tribe down the trail and back to camp. The location of the "Pow-wow" was at Camp Wanocksett, which is owned by the Leominster Boy Scouts and is located on Thorndike pond in Dublin, New Hampshire.

Saturday evening the Tribe gathered around the traditional campfire, while the new Braves produced an interesting entertainment.

At the conclusion of the entertainment, songs were sung by the group; several gave solos. The alumni featured with several selections by "Curly" Hopgood and Ralph Gray, as well as some enter-

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GAVELEERS

Sixteen neophyte "limped" back to the dormitory late Monday evening, extremely happy that the first phase of the initiation was over. After surviving this initial test, they feel that they are prepared for almost anything. They have two more successive ordeals to go through, at the completion of which they will become members in good standing of the Gaveleer Society.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the ceremonies, with a good deal of light banter being passed around at the expense of one another's initiation plights.

Although this was the first initiation to be given in three years, it lacked none of the finer points of the ones given previously, which fact the sixteen neophytes will attest to vigorously. All in all, however, a good time was had by everyone, with the promise of more to come in the near future. The following men have gone through the first and probably the worst phase of their initiation: Fran Gaudet, Larry Enos, Charles Dacey, Russell Cook, Hubert Giard, George Johnson, Carl Peterson, Richard Gardner, Joe Sylvestro, Tony Polito, George Ahern, Tony Cirriano, Bill Georan, Tom Cairney, Durwood Eastman.

Last Friday the Student Co-operative Association presented its St. Patrick's Dance. The decoration were excellent, the music extremely danceable, the the attendance was miserable. What's wrong? I realize that manypeople might have stayed away due to the fact that this is the Benton season. However, a well-planned dance as Friday's should have drawn more people than it did. Has the school spirit reached an all time low? Surely, we have enough former Sad Sacks around here to provide dancing partners at these parties. Or maybe the thought of being forced to couple up at these parties is keeping people away. At the old pre-war dances we always had large stag lines and everybody had a good time. Maybe the girls didn't get corsages at every dance, but they went to dances.

G. Roger Pauze ---editor, publisher, linotypist, printer, etc. of "Ye Olde Stick" back in 1941 --- sends in the following comment on the present rag:

"THE TWIG is better than no lumber at all."

Roger also gave us a lot of good ideas for improvement of the paper, improvements which we will incorporate from time to time.

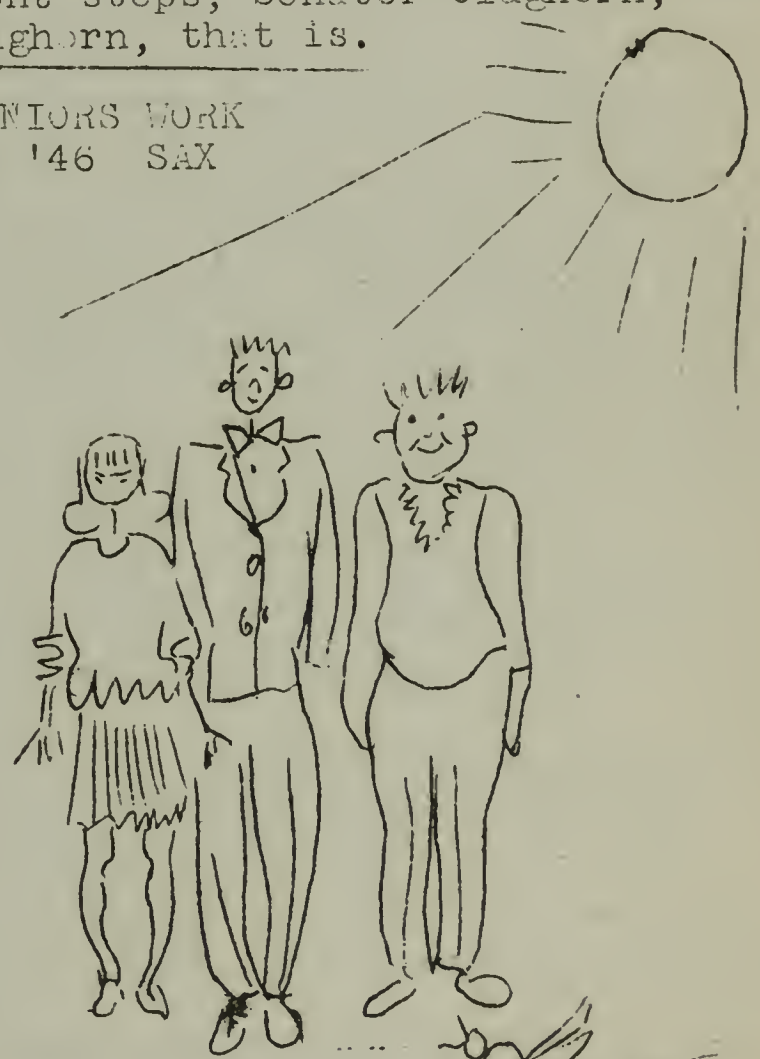
If you can't get your mind on your studies with these bright sunny days, what are you going to do when May rolls around?

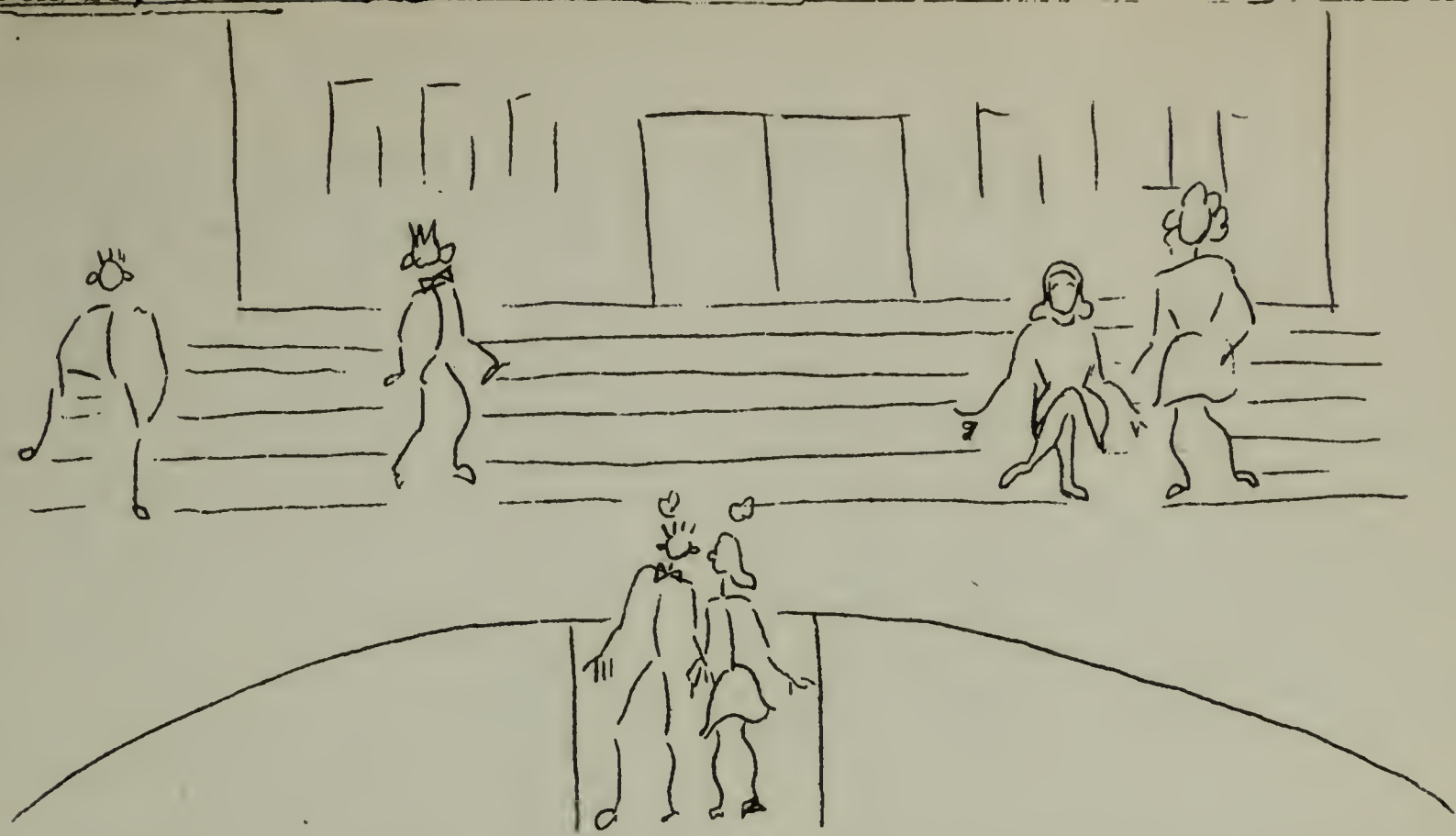
Last week's news had all the boys dusting off the uniforms and sweating, oh, how they were sweating.

Pet Hates: "Onesy Twosy"; Horace on the early morning program for the local radio station; people who join committees and organizations just for the sake of joining; eight o'clock classes.

Pet Likes: The Dinning Sisters' waxing of "Do You Love Me, Ditto"; lounging on the front steps; Senator Claghorn, Claghorn, that is.

SENIORS WORK ON '46 SAX





Mrs. Randall voted roommates, Joe Gorman and George Ahern, "Most quiet boys in the dorm." Said Mr. Randall -- quote -- That's what you think! -- unquote.

Ray Milland received the Oscar for his performance in LOST WEEKEND, but Bill Cassassa certainly deserves Four Roses for his superb acting in TAM O'SHANTER, played during a recent Eng.-Lit. class. Bill put his heart and soul and at least two bottles of red-eye into it, and the result was hic-larious to say the least.

What was that red lantern doing at the top of the flagpole? Were the "Indians" coming?

What potent power do some of the junior girls hold over the sophomore girls? One day last week Helen Stocking strolled into the dayroom and Betty McGuirk doubled over a desk, howling like a banshee. Down in the gym Marilyn Killelea collapsed on the ping-pong table as Lucy Fraticelli approached, and Tess Carchidi crawled in back of the piano to avoid the spell.

Inquiry led to more giggling and the info that the Cannonball and Screwball Societies are rolling again. Per usual, the sophs are behind the eight ball while the more mature juniors and even seniors take over the honors of Screwballs. The Cannonballs had to perform the severe task of laughing one full minute whenever and wherever they encountered a Screwball as part of their novel initiation stunts. That explained the antics of the sophomore girls.

The thirty-secondth vice-president has made big plans with the fifty-first treasurer for an interesting future.

We hear Edgerly school is planning to have screening on the third story windows. Is this necessary, E. Young?
Ed. note: A window was broken last fall with a tennis ball by ?

WERE WANTED AD: Two Miller Hall girls to accompany two Palmer Hall boys to the cinema last Saturday eve.
RESULTS: Girls choosy; boys lonely. (Ask Art Quertin and Lou Scanlon about this.)

Did you know that wedding bells

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MOHAWK NEWS (Cont'd. from pg. 5)

taining "Irish" ditties, by Bill (Rocky) Sullivan. Many memories of the past were revived as Leo Gouin gave his rendition of "Alouette".

The Mohawks celebrated St. Patrick's Day in a manner that would do any Irish man justice. They went to services in St. Patricks church in the morning and spent the day in Dublin (N.H.).

"Punting" of the soccer ball opened Sunday's activities with Bill Sullivan and Bill Tracy featuring with their long drives. Following the soccer playing, another softball game was held.

This time the "old timers" were the victors of the "slugfest" but many a threatening score by the new Braves was held down by the sensational fielding of Bill Sullivan.

At the conclusion of the game the warriors sat down to a hearty chicken dinner prepared by the "Keeper of the Wampum" Gouin, who by the way, received hearty congratulations from the Tribe for his excellent preparation of the meals for the whole weekend.

An enjoyable weekend was had by all. The weather was perfect throughout the whole trip, the best weather ever had in the opinion of the alumni.

The Tribe was favored in having with them their new co-sponsor, Mr. Vincent Glennon of the junior high school faculty, who participated in the activities with a spirit that scored the admiration of the Tribe.

Tentative plans are now being formed for another mountain "Pow-wow" before the close of the school year.

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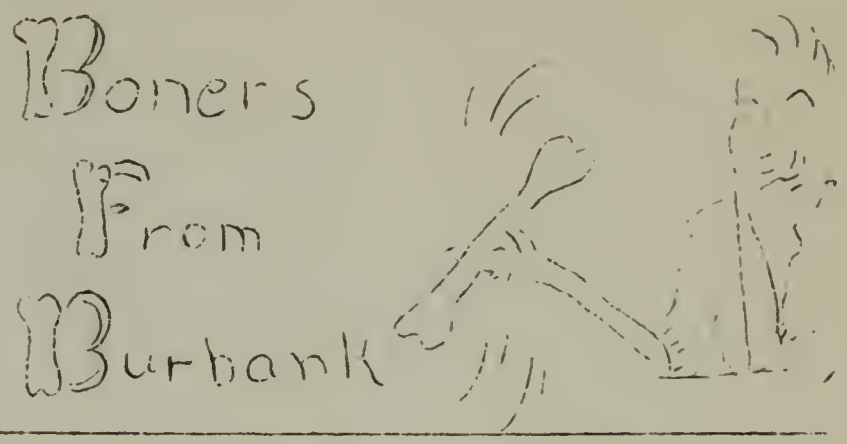
The spa seems to have a rival now that spring is here. Ever notice the admin steps on sunny days?



At last we have found out why it takes Mary and Tony four hours to walk from the college to the hospital. They recite poetry to each other!!! (Doesn't sound logical for some reason or other, does it?)

The unasked question from the nurses' group which still remains unanswered: Just what kind of tactics does the "Cave Man" called Delaney use? They must be pretty tough to put "a person" on crutches for a week or two... especially after a quiet morning church service.

We have discovered at last the solution to the question of why our favorite bus driver was transferred to another run. It seems that the morning Nan Barney put an egg in her pocket to carry to the chem lab, Ethel Cotter sat down beside her a little too heavily. The results? The poor bus driver had to remove the contents of the pocket with his best silk handkerchief. It all evidently proved too much for the poor man for we haven't seen him since.

By the way, just what strange supernatural power caused all the lights in the house to go out for three consecutive nights? Could it be that the four exams scheduled for that week had some strange effect on the fuses?

SPORTS

MAN

Spring is here and a young man's fancy turns lightly to love; no not always love, but also [illegible] sports. The gloves are heard catching the speeding baseball as the fellows turn to the diamond(baseball diamond). To get to the point, the condition of the athletic field is badly in need of care.

The week-end of the past was ideal weather for tennis. Tennis players are eager to start playing and plans are being made for an all-school tennis tournament. This should prove to be quite an affair as there are many men students available that excel in this sport. We cannot forget the young ladies as they held a slight edge over the men students last year.

Baseball Glimpses

The weather has been ideal for the baseball team to take advantage of, and that they have. The pitchers have been getting their arms in shape while the remaining portion of the team have been butting a few about. Monday the team really got under way when they had their batting practice. It is the first time in five years that some of the fellows have even seen a baseball, but the way they were hitting the ball, they certainly do not need much practice. You shall be hearing more about this team of ours in the near future. Keep your eyes peeled and your ears open.

WAA

The volleyball season began last week with more than thirty girls out for the first practice, according to Anne Driscoll, head of Volleyball. Class games will be held next week, with the color games following very quickly. As an added attraction, we have invited Keene Teachers College to come to Fitchburg during the week of April 8th for a game of volleyball. This is resuming an old friendship with Keene which was dropped because of the war.

We might mention here, also, that Keene has invited F.T.C. to participate in a Sports Day sometime in early May with Plymouth at Keene. This is another custom which was dropped a few years ago. It includes such sports as swimming, archery, bowling, tennis, badminton, etc.

Once again we are starting our trip to the Greenwood swimming pool. On Thursday nights we expect to see quite a few girls on the bus bound for Gardner . This spring, in conjunction with the current Red Cross drive, a course in Senior Life Saving will be offered. We want to see many girls at the pool even if they are not interested in Senior Life Saving. If interested, please see Dot Janda.

Even though spring has arrived and the steps of the admin building look very tempting, don't forget co-rec Mon.-Wed.-Fri.-noons with volleyball, badminton, pingpong, and our main feature, "The Screwball and Cannonball Societies.'

CAMPUS CHATTER (Cont'd. from page seven)

are due to ring shortly for Carl Peterson? Best o'luck, Pete!

Does anyone know the price of peanuts in Afganistan in 1924? This question caused neophyte Gaveleers quite some trouble and not a little pain and embarrassment last Monday night. Anyone having such information please forward. No Mohawk need comply.

We hear Okie O'Connell "would love a little pup, but she has a pair of nylons!" Confused? Well, ask her about it.

Abbie Whitney: Well, Joy, I hear you had a birthday yesterday. What did you get from Billy?
Joy Bacon: Oh, nothing much. Just a bracelet, a ring, two charms for the charm bracelet he gave me for St. Patrick's Day, some records... just two pounds of chocolates and nineteen red roses. Just a remembrance, of course. (OF COURSE!)

Kay Bailey, home for the weekend, returned last Sunday afternoon with two car loads of men. Not bad for a couple of days, uh?

Classified Ads

FOR SALE

For Sale- 1940 club coupe Chevrolet. In good condition. See F. Gaudet.

WANTED

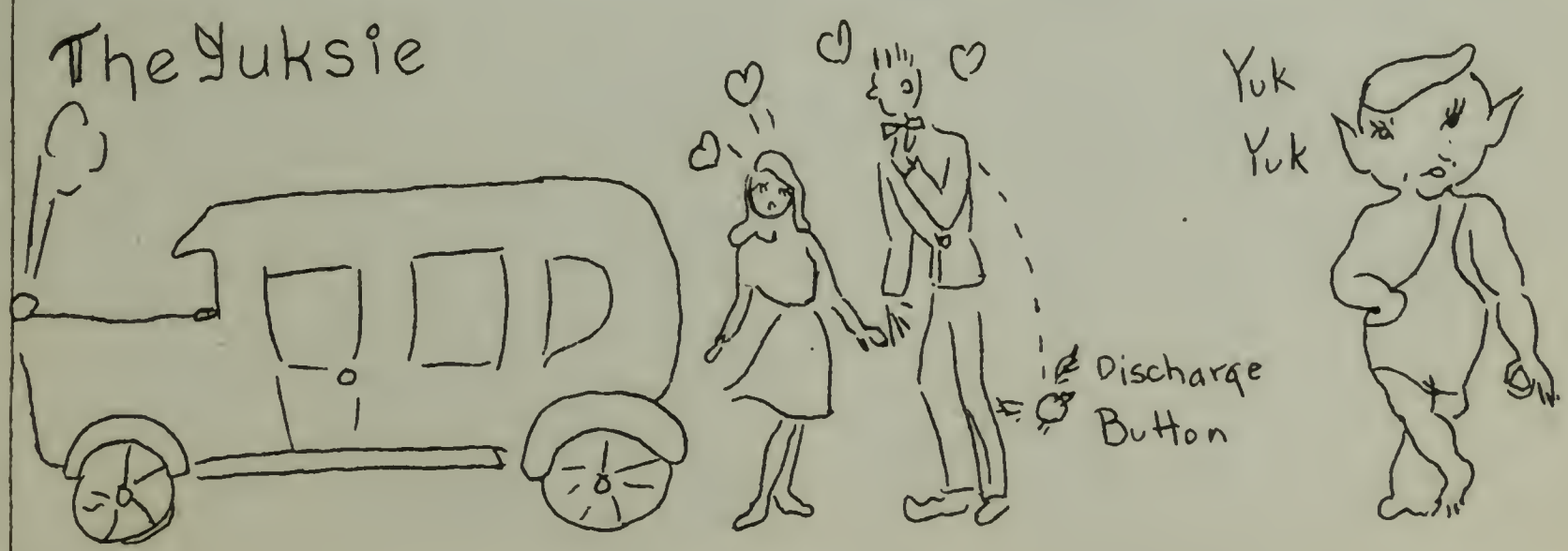
Help wanted- Junior girl would like clerical work afternoons at the college. Write E.F., Box 345.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost-Ring with ruby stone and guard. Sentimental value. Please return to Joe Gorman, Box 254.

Lost- Silver link bracelet near gym or shower room. Finder please return to Anne Gearney, Box 195.

Found-Pair of lady's gloves in girls' day room. See Mary Piermarini, Box 218.

Found-Service man's discharge button. Found behind Dr. Sanders car. Owner may claim it at the general office.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
Why does Henry Runlett run to the corner of North and Pearl Streets every morning at about eight o'clock?